

PROCLAMATION EARTH DAY APRIL 22, 2008

WHEREAS, innovative and thoughtful people are seeking new ways to protect human life and strengthen our planet's ability to sustain a diverse community life; and

WHEREAS, we are all children of the Earth, and as North Dakota's citizens, we have a very important role in sustaining our natural resources in an intricately woven network; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and diverse ecosystem is the keystone of a thriving community and vigorous local economy, and individuals, businesses, communities, tribes and government are encouraged to continue to work together to address global and local environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, we possess the potential to employ our abundant creativity and innovation as well as education, to resolve environment degradation; and

WHEREAS, State and local communities can lead the way in taking such steps to protect and preserve our natural resources by encouraging sustainable energy and water consumption, land-use, transportation practices, and waste reduction; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day offers citizens a unique opportunity to make a commitment to personal practices that will be vital in protecting the quality of human and other life for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 22, 2008, EARTH DAY in the state of North Dakota.

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